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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, PFOR, EG, UK

SUBJECT: MINE CLEARANCE OF SUEZ CANAL

1. BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 11 THAT BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INFORM EGYPTIANS THAT ROYAL NAVY IS PREPARED TO CARRY OUT MINE CLEARANCE PROJECT FOR EGYPTIANS IF THEY WISH. HOWEVER, BRITISH AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE FINANCED OUT OF EXISTING FIFTEEN MILLION POUND LINE OF CREDIT FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHICH BRITISH HAVE EXTENDED TO EGYPT. BRIISH WILL INFORM EGYPTIANS THAT IF GOE IS INTERESTED BRITISH COULD SEND SURVEY TEAM TO STUDY PROJECT WITHIN 48 HOURS.

2. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY OF GREEN LIGHT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOE FOR DISPATCH OF OUR SURVEY TEAM. WE JOINTLY AGREED TO KEEP ONE ANOTHER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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